Chatham Township Board of Health 2020 Annual Report April 8, 2021

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2021-Chatham Township Board of Health

- Lucille Plantemoli, RN, MPH, CIC- President
- Lorie Gardner, RN, BSN Vice-President
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- Katherine Fowler, Member
- Mark Hamilton-Twp Committee Liaison
- Board Of Health Contracted Service:
- Mike Fitzpatrick, MA, HO, REHS- Health Officer
- Marlene Dolan, RN, BSN- Public Health Nursing Supervisor
- Contract for Legal and Engineering Services
- Function of the Board:
- The Chatham Township Board of Health is an autonomous board that provides all of the activities that are required to meet the minimum performance standards of the State of New Jersey for local boards of health. These activities include environmental health and personal health activities.

AGENDA

- 2020 Public Health Priority:
- Covid-19 Pandemic
- Report from Public Health Officer
- Report from Public Health Nurse:
- Communicable Disease Report
- School Immunizations
- Vaccine Programs
- Lead
- Environmental Public Health Programs
- Recommendations

Covid-19 Pandemic-March 2020

- Chatham Township –Analysis of cases
- Coordination with the Re-Open of Schools
- Collaboration with the OEM Committee
- Recommendations for the Reopening of the:
- Senior Center
- Library of the Chathams
- Covid-19 Page on Website

Recommendations to the LTC facilities



Covid-19- Total Number of Cases Chatham Township (March 2021-April 2021)

- Total number of Cases as of 4/5/2021
- 471* (14 new cases)
- Total increase for the month 83 cases
- Community Exp. 1
- LTC Exp. 36
- Confirmed and probable cases.

- Total Number of Cases as of 3/5/2021
- ▶ 388* (4 new cases)
- Community Exp. 1
- LTC Exp. 36

*Confirmed and probable cases.

Related to restrictions lifted, variants, large group gatherings, holidays.

Important Public Health message to not let our guard down, mask, social distance, wash hands.

Covid-19-Chatham Township Statistics by Age March 2020- March 2021

Age	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 5
< 18 yr. old	0.00%	10.53%	21.05%	20.51%	26.32%
19-29	3.28%	40.35%	21.71%	15.02%	19.95%
30-39	0.82%	12.28%	7.89%	8.42%	9.47%
40-49	6.56%	14.04%	15.13%	10.26%	14.74%
50-59	9.02%	12.28%	14.47%	19.41%	18.95%
60-69	9.02%	5.26%	7.89%	16.85%	7.37%
70-79	12.30%	0.00%	6.58%	7.33%	2.11%
80+	59.02%	5.26%	5.26%	2.20%	2.11%

Report from the Public Health Officer

- Review of CDC Guidance/NJDHSS update on best practices and vaccine programs for Covid-19.
- Provide guidance on Covid-19 management to Fire, EMS and School Superintendent and School Nurses as needed on an ongoing basis.
- Provide information to Township Administrator, Mayor and other leaders in the community.
- Provide information to the LTC facilities in the Township.
- Provide Information on COVID-19 Vaccine availability





Making sure LTC facilities had proper PPE, were compliant with NJDHSS/CDC Guidelines.

Report from the Public Health Nurse

- COVID-19 Reporting and Contact Tracing
- Communicable Disease Report
- School Immunizations/Audits
- Lead
- Vaccine Services
- Seasonal Flu Program
- Vaccines for Children
- COVID-19 Vaccine Program



Communicable Disease Reporting-Marlen Dolan, BSN, RN-Public Health Nursing Supervisor

- COVID-19 Reporting:
- Communicable Disease Reporting in 2020 was driven by identification and investigation of COVID-19.
- Contact Tracing was done by the Local Health Department (LHD).
- The LHD provides guidance to identify sources and interrupt transmission.
- Goal to avoid and decrease community spread.

Communicable Disease Reporting

- Other Reportable Diseases:
- 3 GI/foodborne
- ▶ 15 Lyme
- 4 STI
- ▶ 8 Influenza

School Immunizations/Audits 2019-2020

- Annual Review for compliance with NJ immunizations rules.
- Applies to public and private facilities for childcare, preschool and grades K through 12.
- By February 2020 most audits had been completed for the 2019-2020 school year:
- 314 records reviewed in 5 facilities visited.
- Chatham Township includes five preschool programs and five various schools covering grades K-12.

Vaccine Programs

Seasonal Flu Program

- Clinics adapted this year to comply with COVID-19 Guidelines.
- Two sites: Myersville Rd. and Madison DOH
- More 35-60 yr. olds seen- working from home
- Total vaccines given: 90
- Vaccines for Children and Adults
- Vaccines provided for children and adults, state program for uninsured, NJ Family Care Plan A, Charity Care. Madison HD resumed giving these vaccines summer 2020.
- ▶ COVID-19 Vaccine Program
- Identification of Mega sites
- Home-Based Program



LEAD Program

Children screened by providers: 77

1 elevated capillary sample elevated, confirmed by venous blood- WNL.

Video calls made if needed during pandemic.

Environmental Health Issues

- Retail food inspections and investigations
- Pool, housing, summer camp inspections and investigations
- > Public health nuisance inspections and investigations,
- >Animal bites, rabies clinics.
- Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan Review:
- 2019– 4 Septic Applications
- 2020- 2 Septic Applications; 1 Well Permit
- Noise control-Leaf Blowers from Landscapers
- Review of ordinances that pertain to Public Health Issues-Noise Control Letter sent to residents.

Recommendations from the BOH

- To continue to provide cost-effective public health services and environmental health services to our community as required by the state.
- To continue to be a resource to our community regarding public health issues, such as Covid-19 Management.
- To continue to provide public health education and resources to the community as needed.
- To continue to work with the other municipal committees and groups in providing public health services and expertise, ie: OEM, Chatham Township Committee.